

## FROM THE FIELD.

## Campbell Chips.

Since my 'Campbell Chips' escaped your waste basket I will give you a few more.

The author of that 'Peculiar Document' presented about as many practical truths about the German Baptist church as could be told by any one in one column at least. He hit the nail squarely on the head.

In regard to the multiplicity of church periodicals I think it is not best to be too fast about it. If a man has but one good cow well fed, she will yield more cream and butter than two or three half-starved ones. Just so with a church paper, if it is not well fed by contributions of original matter, it will not amount to much. Again if the present size of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST is not large enough to contain all articles sent for publication, the paper mills make much larger sheets at but little extra expense, and of course the editor would require a little extra to fill it up.

It is soul cheering to me to hear of the good news from the different parts of the brotherhood by way of accessions, good meetings, love feasts, etc.

The German Baptist Annual Conference is sending a committee of three elders to this (Thornapple) church to adjust difficulties and troubles existing in that church. The committee consists of Elders Peter Long and Wm. R. Deeter, of Northern, Ind., and one elder from Ohio whose name I have forgotten. If such committees can do any good, one was needed for more than six years to straighten up matters.

Sister Sarah Marshall would like to have some preaching. She thinks good could be done in her neighborhood. If any of our brethren travel over the Grand Rapids and Indiana R. R., stop at Fisher Station and preach for them. Her address is Byron Centre, Kent Co., Michigan. Bro. Garber will you please send her a few sample copies of the EVANGELIST?

Our Bible Class and prayer meeting at Bro. Noah Henney's Thursday evening was largely attended, with Bro. Joseph Henney as leader.

'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.' If this golden rule was strictly complied with what a heaven we would have upon earth!

What the Campbell Brethren church needs the most at this time is a good house in which to worship. I hope the day is not far distant when we can worship God under our figtree and vine. May the Lord speed the day.

Elder C. A. Price, of Nashville preached here to an attentive audience Sunday. Elder Price is one of those old pioneers who has stood the storms of many winters.

J. G. WINNEY.

## Shidler, Ind.

We have been visiting the Maple Grove church every fifth Sunday for two years past, and as the communion service was to be held during this present visit by request of the brethren, we went a few days prior. We had large congregations when not hindered by the rain, and a deep

interest seemed to prevail and we soon were found at the water-side, where one penitent soul yielded to the requirements of the gospel. This gave us all courage that good would be the result of our meetings. Soon one more came to the fountain and in the darkness of night, lit only by the twinkling of the stars, in the presence of a large audience, led him down in the waters of baptism. By this time the interest was running at high tide, and on Sunday three more left the ranks of Satan, and Sunday night one more came to join the army of the Lord and we went the same hour of the night with an overwhelming crowd in attendance. These four were buried with Him in holy baptism. So the number of the Maple Grove church was increased by eight additions; six by baptism and two by relation. The communion service was largely attended and the church seemed to be revived and encouraged to press on. We missed the presence and assistance of Bro. George Rensch who is away at school at this time.

Today I am homeward bound to meet with loved ones there where I may rest a few days and then be in the vineyard again.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

July 3, '89.

## Johnstown.

Thinking that possibly the members of our church throughout the country may have some desire to know how the brethren and sisters of Johnstown spend their Sabbaths, I will try and tell them how we spent today, (June 30th) through the EVANGELIST, provided there is nothing more interesting and edifying to fill its columns. This was the second public service we have held since our disaster. I was not permitted to be present at the first service which was held last Sabbath.

The surroundings were somewhat strange and unnatural as we dare occupy at present, only the rear end of the upper room. The broken walls and windows, the dirt and dust on the floor and pews, the few partly destroyed, musty smelling, hymnodies that are left us—all these, were hardly the most desirable circumstances to inspire the highest degree of worshipful feeling. However, we had a good soul-striving service and all were made to realize the presence of the Master.

Bro. Adams spoke earnestly and feelingly to us from the words, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.' Telling us of that voice that brings comfort, consolation and joy to those who are in darkness and distress, if they are but willing to hear it, and our hearts were made to burn with the desire that the good shepherd might know us as sincere and earnest members of his own flock; and I am sure there were not a few of us who resolved to follow the Master with greater devotion than ever. Then when those broken walls were made to echo and re-echo, with,

'My faith looks up to thee  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,'

there were but few in that little gathering whose eyes did not overflow with tears. Tears of gratitude that our lives were spared, while some of our own number, and many of our friends and associates had been so sud-

denly called to their long rest. Tears of joy for the privilege of worshiping in our own loved sanctuary with some prospect of its restoration.

Some months ago, we adopted the weekly system of giving for carrying on our church work here, and today, I was made to realize how deeply in earnest our brethren and sisters are for the success of Zion, when those who have had their homes utterly destroyed and have hardly a thing, much less a place of their own, upon which to lay their heads, dropped into the collection the envelope containing the usual weekly amount, and some even paid up the entire amount due for the three Sabbaths upon which we could hold no services.

We have had a practical, but sad illustration of the uncertainty of earthly treasures, and are more anxious, than ever, to lay up treasures in heaven. Our members have been encouraged, by the kind and immediate responses from our sister churches, to again hope that the Christian work they have started here may be continued for there is greater need of it, now as well as greater opportunity for it, than heretofore. And if the good liberal brethren and sisters all over our land will help us on our feet, we will use our utmost endeavors to carry the ark of the Lord victoriously into the camps of the enemy.

Our Sabbath School will meet as usual from this time forth. The Sisters' Aid Society will resume its work this week.

ALBERT TRENT.

## Chronicles.

Having been solicited by the brethren at Flora to attend their business meeting the 29th, ult., I hitched old 'Pet' up, and self and wife and little Jess went over on the afternoon of the 28th. On the following day we attended the business meeting, after which we went out and baptized two ladies. Held communion services in the evening, and all passed off pleasantly. Preached at half-past 10 o'clock and evening of said day. At 3 o'clock of this day a special meeting was held and an elder was chosen to preside over the congregation.

J. H. S.

## What Course of Education is Best For All?

In the proficiency of literary attainments there is always room at the top.

Many avenues to success are open for the thorough Scientific and Classic scholar, when coupled with the moral force necessary to command respect. I would not deter any from standing on the pinnacle of Classical Science, to enjoy its hallowed serenity, but all can not attain to such a height. If all were kings, where would there be subjects? Competition holds the multitude at bay. There is a course of study however in which competition is detrimental to none, in which were all kings, their subjects still remain. I mean a thorough Merchantile and business education, consisting as it does of nothing but what is useful to every one in all the avocations of life. And by a knowledge of that which makes up a country's success, imbue a zealous determination to be more than a mere figure-head in society, while at the same time it fits him for a

higher degree of self protection, as well as usefulness to others.

It teaches Commercial Arithmetic with all there is in Mathematics of practical utility to all. Also, a knowledge of language, thus making him a ready correspondent. Civil Government, thus acquainting us with the influence of law. Political Economy imparts a knowledge of the industries and their effect on a nation through its commerce. A knowledge of the legal forms in which the business of the day is done shields us from imposition and saves much precious time. We study the elements of law, relating to civil conduct, learning the duties of a citizen only to be imbued with a proper law abiding zeal, thus gaining self control the sure arbiter of success. The young man so equipped is monarch of all he has right to survey, and his subjects (opportunities) one by one fall in line at his bidding to fight the battle of life successfully.

With pleasure we have marked the change from sordid vagrancy to virtuous purpose wrought in young men by a few months of such drill as is afforded in good Merchantile schools. A young man had better spend half his fortune in learning how to manipulate the remainder than undertake the voyage of life as too many do, and lose it all long before they reach the shoals and reefs of age. Learn then to steer the ship of fortune ere the dangerous shoals and reefs in this river of life appear.

To this end Ashland University with its congenial surroundings and thorough Commercial equipment is second to none. Here young men and ladies may learn all that is useful in this department at reasonable costs. Do not stand aghast with the inquiry on your lips, 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?' but come and see.

A. PEARSON.

## To the Brethren and Sisters at Johnstown.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—It certainly affords me great pleasure to have the privilege of writing you a letter through the EVANGELIST, and telling you of the important work or mission upon which you have sent me. I would love to write each of you a letter, but it would be impossible for me to take the time to do this, while this letter is for all the brethren and sisters in whom I feel a great interest. Since I left you in Johnstown the 10th of June, have done considerable traveling over Ohio in order to visit as many congregations as I could. My wife and I separated, on our journey from Johnstown to Ohio, at the city of Pittsburg. She went by the way of Columbus and I by the way of Mansfield, O. Have not seen her since but had two letters. On last Monday I left Covington, O., for Rossville, Ind., and since that time I have been busy in this state collecting funds for repairing the church house. And I will tell you to not be surprised if you hear of me going home sick. I am almost worn out; have been speaking almost every night and some days since I began my tour, and am at present feeling the effects of my hard work. Do not know at present if I shall be able to complete the tour which I have mapped out or not, but God helping me and by your prayers I am going to do my best in trying to complete it, so there may be no disappointment. I am so very anxious to have our church repaired that I am almost willing to sacrifice health to some extent to raise the means; for I know if I should die in my present work then I would die in the harness. But dear Christian friends, do not depend entirely upon me; but however, I will promise you, as I have already, to do the best I can under the circumstances. I expect to work until the 17th or 18th of this month (July) and then I am going to Ohio to my friends to rest. I have a pass to Johnstown which is good until the last day of this month; therefore

if I wish to take advantage of that, must return sometime in this month to you.

The congregations which I have visited appeared to sympathize with us in our time of great need, and a great number of them showed their sympathy by opening their hearts and also pocket books in the way of donating us of their means. The first man that I met with a big heart was Bro. Grubb of North Liberty, O., who donated ten dollars. Undoubtedly Bro. Grubb is a man from the heart out. Not only he but others of the brethren in my traveling have donated the same amount.

The following are donations which I have received, including my expenses.

North Liberty, O.	\$34.43
Ankneytown, O.	34.10
Glenford, O.	18.50
Bear Creek, O.	24.73
Miamisburg, O.	12.00
Farmersville, O.	38.50
Winchester, O.	25.85
West Alexandria, O.	11.25
Pleasant Hill, O.	8.16
Covington, O.	8.55
Buckeye City, O.	5.00
Rossville, Ind.	7.27
Mt. Pleasant, Ind.	22.26
Edna Mills, Ind.	11.47

These three places came under the two congregations, Mt. Pleasant and Edna Mills. This is what I have collected up to this date, July 5th. Tonight I lecture at this place, Flora, Ind. I have lectures announced ahead for every evening except one, until the 15th of this month. So now you can readily see that I am working hard and am at present feeling as if I should go home and rest.

Now, in conclusion, dear friends, I will ask an interest in your prayers, as I am roving from one place to another among strangers, would you please not forget me? I remember you all in my prayers, and always hold you up to a throne of grace daily as I kneel before our God who saved our lives from the great disaster. Be of good courage during this time of trouble and suffering. Take the motto of the poet as I have told you from the stand:

'Have we trials and temptations,  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.'

Do we all do this? May God help us all to take everything to Him in prayer, honor Him and glorify Him in all we do.

Your pastor,  
J. B. RITTGER.

## OUR CHURCH.

Bro. Stevens writes that work has been commenced on the new church in Beatrice, Nebraska.

There will be a communion at Tiosa, Ind., on Tuesday evening July 23, 1889. The usual invitation is extended.

At Bro. Isaac Kilhefner's last appointment at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, two more were baptized. A grand work is being done there.

Services have been restored in our Johnstown church. This we are very glad to hear, and do hope that the brethren may be encouraged in their work.

Dr. A. Pearson, our brother, is now settled in Ashland and already seems like an old citizen, and this week supplies us with an article concerning the College. We hope now we shall have frequent articles from that source.

On Monday last we received a telegram from Bro. J. B. Rittger, which, stating that he was called to his home at Nelsonville, Ohio, on account of the sickness of his wife. We are sorry to learn this, and hope she may speedily recover, and that the work brother R. was engaged in will go on, if there is one worker less.

CORRECTION:—I notice that errors in my O. H. M. report that need to be corrected, so the footings will correspond, with the amounts given. First, the Concord church should have a credit of \$2.35 instead of \$2.00 as the report shows.

Again in expenditures, Isaac Kilhefner, Dark Co., Mission, \$25.00, should be only \$15.00, the amount appropriated.—Isaac Kilhefner.

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